

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
MAY 2, 2012**

E. Bud Whalon called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: E. Bud Whalon, Dean V. Cronin and Thomas J. Pires

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of April 25, 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #044A-12	Payroll	\$	64,813.11
Warrant #044B-12	Vendor bills	\$	63,147.63
Warrant #044C-12	Vendor bills	\$	1,103,531.50

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Details: The Board has nothing to report at this time.

Correspondence

The ABCC will hold five public hearings for the purpose of comment and testimony concerning the Commission's study on whether the Happy Hour Regulations should be updated or amended in order to protect on-premises alcoholic beverages licensees from unfair competition with proposed gaming establishments.

On April 13, 2012 Bay State Gas Company, d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, filed a request for approval of a general increase in its gas distribution rates with the MA Department of Utilities. A copy of the Notice may be viewed at Town Hall.

A letter from Lewis Ashley of North Dighton praising the Dighton Firefighters in their efforts in fighting the forest fire that occurred on April 17, 2012.

The Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program of the MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife has reviewed the Environmental Notification Form for the Proposed Residential Subdivision, ArborCrest Estates. Comments are available for viewing at Town Hall.

Announcements were read.

Report of the Personnel Officer

NONE

Review/Discuss/Act: Dighton-Berkley Bridge Status Update

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation awarded the construction bid to S&R Corporation out of Lowell, and construction is set to start after July 1, beginning with the destruction of timbers, pilings and substructures of the old bridge. Work hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and the projected completion date for the project is May 16, 2015.

Review/Discuss/Act: Set Special Town Meeting and Read/Sign Warrant

The Board discussed setting a Special Town Meeting for May 22, 2012 for the purpose of reducing the Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District FY12 Dighton Assessment in the amount of \$119,091.17. It was noted that if the School Committee votes to reduce Dighton's assessment at their next schedule meeting, then the special town meeting will not be required. Said reduction is due to the misappropriated charges of Rehoboth students attending the Tri County Vocational Regional High School.

The Board read the Special Town Meeting Warrant for May 22, 2012. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin: VOTED to accept the Special Town Meeting Warrant for May 22, 2012 as read.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Vacation Carry Over Request

The Board received and read a vacation carry over request from Patrolman Shawn P. Cronin. Dean V. Cronin recused himself from the matter. Said request to transfer twenty (20) vacation days from FY12 to FY13 is a special circumstance due to injuries sustained while on duty on September 19, 2011. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve Shawn P. Cronin's request to carry over twenty (20) hours of vacation time from Fiscal Year 2012 into Fiscal Year 2013.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Resignation of Graves Officer

The Board received a letter of resignation from Graves Officer from David Marvill. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded Thomas J. Pires: VOTED to accept the letter of resignation from Graves Officer, David Marvill.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Ball Committee

The Board received and read a request from Myrna Santos to appoint members to a Ball Committee in celebration of Dighton's Tri Centennial year. Motion: Thomas J. Pires,

seconded Dean V. Cronin: VOTED to appoint Myrna D. Santos as Chairman of the Ball Committee.

Voted: UNANIMOUSLY

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin: VOTED to appoint Debra Fredericks, Patricia Hamilton and Karen O'Connor as members to the Ball Committee.

Voted: UNANIMOUSLY

Review/Discuss/Act: Supplemental Tax Bills MGL Ch. 46, Sec. 41 & 42

The Board received a request from the Board of Assessors to reject the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, section 2D. Said rejection gives the town the option to tax by the percentage of a new construction home if an inspection finds that the property is more than 50% higher than the assessed value for the year. It was discovered that builders of new construction homes have not been applying for their final inspections until they know that they are having a closing on the property. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded Thomas J. Pires: VOTED that the Town of Dighton reject the provisions of G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 2D, which impose a supplemental property tax assessments on certain improvements to real estate constructed after January 1 once an occupancy permit is issued, for fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2012.

Voted: UNANIMOUSLY

Review/Discuss/Act: Historical Commission Appointment

The Board received and read a request from The Dighton Historic Commission to appoint a new member. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin: VOTED to appoint Christine Pacheco as Member to the Dighton historic Commission.

Voted: UNANIMOUSLY

Review/Discuss/Act: Appoint a Municipal Representative for Contract Union Negotiations with the D-R Regional School District

The Board received and read a request from the D-R Regional School Committee to appoint a municipal representative for contract negotiations with the D-R Regional School District. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to appoint Thomas J. Pires as Dighton's municipal representative for contract negotiations with the D-R Regional School District.

Voted: UNANIMOUSLY

Public Input

NONE.

May 2, 2012

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin: VOTED to enter into executive session at 7:50 PM under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (2 & 5).

Vote:	E. Bud Whalon	AYE
	Dean V. Cronin	AYE
	Thomas Pires	AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to return to open session at 8:45 PM.

Vote:	E. Bud Whalon	AYE
	Dean V. Cronin	AYE
	Thomas Pires	AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Vote:	UNANIMOUS
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Respectfully submitted,
Boards of Selectmen/Health
Kerrie J Easterday, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

T. J. Pires 5/8/12